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MONTHLY FARM REPORT

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WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS ¹ - January 6-12, 2008

REGION ³	TYPE OF WORKER						Number of Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		All Hired ⁴			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Dollars Per Hour						Thousands	
Appalachian I	²	8.81	²	9.87	²	10.02	²	23
Appalachian II	²	8.53	²	9.56	²	10.22	²	27
Southeast	²	8.47	²	8.87	²	9.03	²	29
United States ⁵	²	9.64	²	10.19	²	10.77	²	599

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Survey was not conducted in January 2007. ³ Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. ⁴ All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. ⁵ Excludes Alaska.

WEATHER SUMMARY

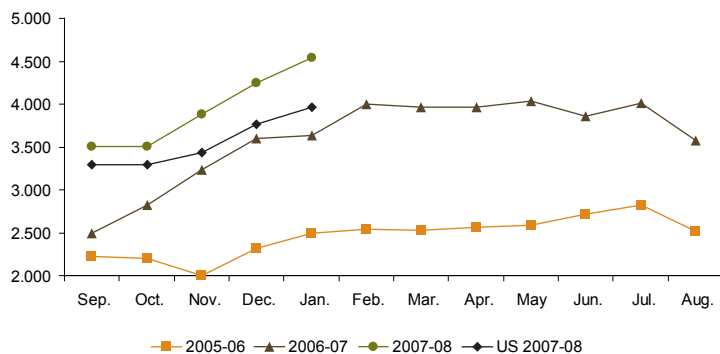
FEBRUARY: North Carolina received rain throughout the month of February, with monthly totals ranging from 2.37 to 6.07 inches. The recent rains have allowed the drought not to worsen, but most of the state is still classified as being in an exceptional drought. Temperatures were above normal for the month with average temperatures ranging from 33 to 53 degrees.

COTTON GINNINGS - Running Bales Ginned as of February 1 (Excluding Linters)

STATE	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alabama	797,100	830,650	667,850	394,800
Arizona	642,450	562,950	500,800	461,700
Arkansas	2,016,400	2,099,700	2,418,900	1,807,150
California	2,298,950	1,523,000	1,359,000	1,369,950
Florida	92,800	112,050	147,200	102,250
Georgia	1,749,150	2,099,800	2,267,000	1,616,950
Kansas	40,950	90,950	102,250	48,650
Louisiana	888,200	1,105,650	1,257,000	695,900
Mississippi	2,273,700	2,089,300	2,029,400	1,271,150
Missouri	809,300	864,400	993,700	785,550
New Mexico	67,650	70,300	58,950	60,700
North Carolina	1,323,150	1,391,250	1,256,900	763,100
Oklahoma	265,400	325,750	178,100	274,600
South Carolina	368,500	390,250	399,150	148,350
Tennessee	958,350	1,083,250	1,306,550	586,600
Texas	6,514,750	7,449,400	5,474,700	7,171,400
Virginia	142,600	166,750	141,500	95,900
United States	21,249,400	22,255,400	20,558,950	17,654,700

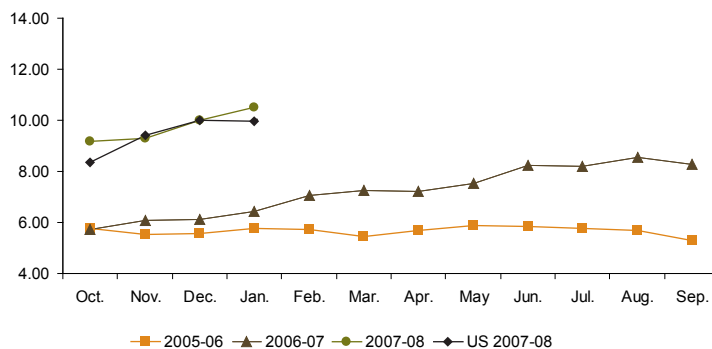
MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR CORN

(Dollars per Bushel)



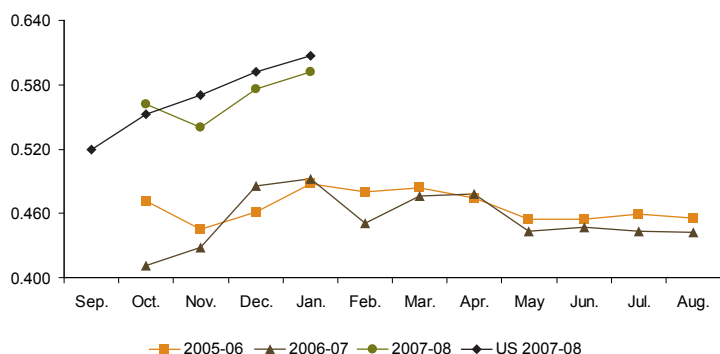
MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

(Dollars per Bushel)



MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR UPLAND COTTON

(Dollars per Pound)



FEBRUARY PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$4.70 per bushel
- Cotton \$0.556 per pound
- Soybeans \$12.00 per bushel
- Hogs \$43.20 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$1.210 per dozen

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY HATCHERY - North and South Atlantic Region: Eggs in incubators on March 1, 2008 totaled 10,509,000. This total is up 7% from the 9,782,000 eggs reported on March 1, 2007. Poults hatched during February 2008 totaled 8,603,000, a 12% increase from the 7,702,000 poults hatched in February 2007.

CHICKEN EGGS - South Atlantic Region: Broiler-Type eggs in incubators on February 1, 2008 totaled 249,975,000. The total was up 3% from the February 2007 total of 241,874,000 eggs. The total number of Egg-Type eggs in incubators on February 1, 2008 increased 6% from the previous year to 4,251,000 eggs.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION - NORTH CAROLINA

QUARTER	MILK COWS ¹		MILK PER COW ²		MILK PRODUCTION ³		Percent Change
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>+ / -</i>
January–March	52	48	4,885	5,042	254	242	-5
April–June	51	48	4,961	5,042	253	242	-4
July–September	50	47	4,340	4,596	217	216	0
October–December	49	48	4,490	4,604	220	221	0
Annual	51	48	18,510	19,188	944	921	-2

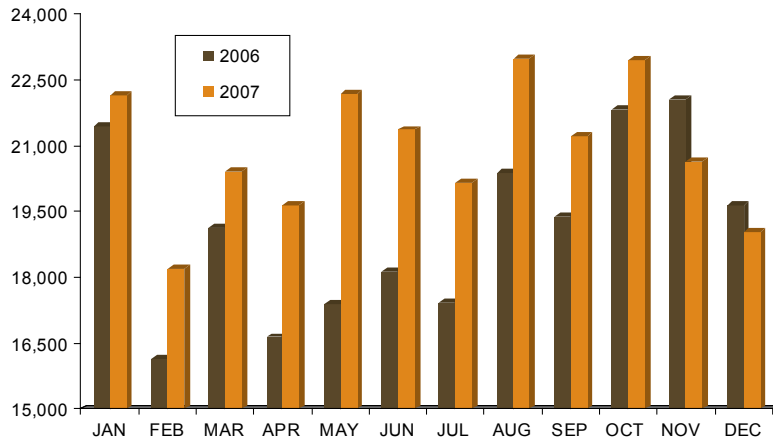
¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Milk per cow is derived. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - January

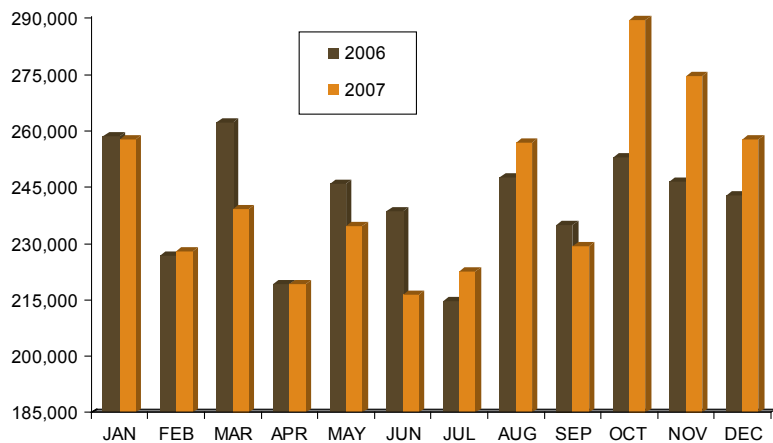
SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Pounds</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Cattle	18.7	19.7	22,143	22,780	2.8	2.9	3,596	3,728	2,165	2,232
Hogs	988.3	1,044.9	257,748	278,150	9.4	10.6	2,535	2,875	1,898	2,158

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

NC COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER: TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT (Thousand Pounds)



NC COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER: TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT (Thousand Pounds)



North Carolina produced **495,000** pounds of honey in 2007 with a production value of **\$1.1 million.**

CHICKS HATCHED - January

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2007	2008	Percent Change
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Alabama	112,842	118,123	+5
Arkansas	101,961	104,378	+2
Delaware	14,425	14,870	+3
Florida	4,982	5,013	+1
Georgia	127,943	127,761	0
Kentucky	27,606	27,966	+1
Louisiana	13,602	13,896	+2
Maryland	31,121	32,983	+6
Mississippi	67,149	69,781	+4
North Carolina	69,015	72,808	+5
Oklahoma	23,554	23,889	+1
Pennsylvania	14,335	15,217	+6
South Carolina	19,829	20,191	+2
Texas	52,917	56,404	+7
Virginia	23,122	22,550	-2
California, Missouri, Tennessee, & West Virginia	71,915	72,283	+1
19 States ¹	776,318	798,113	+3
Other States ²	20,748	23,753	+14
United States	797,066	821,866	+3

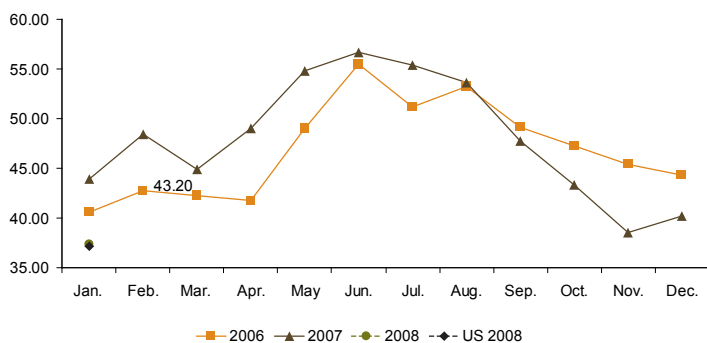
¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. ² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

EGG PRODUCTION - January

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Alabama	8,957	9,581	175	185	29	32	146	153
Florida	11,315	10,907	252	249	243	239	9	10
Georgia	19,881	19,433	410	407	223	218	187	189
North Carolina	11,688	12,842	240	265	99	124	141	141
South Carolina	4,762	4,543	103	96	82	74	21	22
United States	348,897	345,105	7,675	7,663	6,561	6,524	1,114	1,139

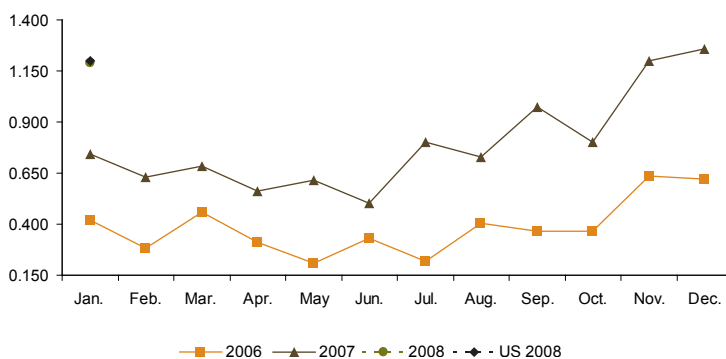
MONTHLY PRICES RECEIVED FOR HOGS

(Dollars per Cwt.)



MONTHLY PRICES RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS

(Dollars per Dozen)



North Carolina's commercial trout growers sold **4.7 million** pounds of trout in 2007, with a value of sales totaling **\$6.4 million.**



North Carolina's commercial catfish growers accounted for **\$6.68 million** in catfish sales during 2007.

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